

REMARKS

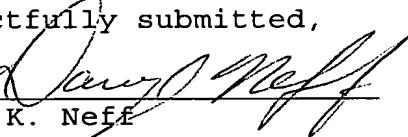
With the present amendments, claims 2-27 remain pending in the application. Claims 29-34 are cancelled herein, these claims indicated by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention that is independent or distinct from the invention claimed in claims 2-27.

Accordingly, as indicated in the Official Action, the present amendments place the application in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner does not believe that he can proceed in allowing the application, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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